

from the group consisting of polyamides, thermoplastic elastomers, thermoplastic polyesters, fluoroplastics, and mixtures thereof.

75. The elongated tubing of Claim 74 wherein the thermoplastic polyester is selected from the group consisting of polybutylene terephthalate, polyethylene terephthalate, and mixtures thereof.

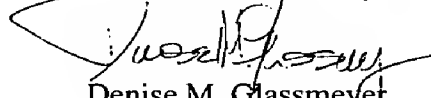
76. The elongated tubing of Claim 74 wherein the polyamide is selected from the group consisting of Nylon 6, Nylon 6.6, Nylon 11, Nylon 12 and mixtures thereof.

**REMARKS**

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 67-76 are present in the application.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully sought. It is submitted that this Preliminary Amendment has been presented to facilitate examination of claims previously withdrawn from prosecution due to a restriction requirement in the most recent proceeding case. It is further submitted that this Preliminary Amendment places the application in a condition which conforms and facilitates examination in this matter and does not seek to enter new subject matter in this regard. Entry of the Preliminary Amendment is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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